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I am John Kern. I teach landscape horticulture in the community college and prison system. I applaud many of the comments, especially the points made by Larry Rohlfes of CLCA. The term "regenerative landscape system..." sets the wrong tone right at the start since it has no meaning.

We must be real about the fact that much landscape installation, management and renovation is conducted in the underground and DIY economy. These water users mostly fly under the regulatory radar.

A much simpler incentive to conserve water and simultaneously spread the responsibility to all users, not just those who have an ethic of being law aware and law abiding, needs to be found. Water should be cheap for the "lifeline" amount and the price should rise rather steeply thereafter. A trading system for water rights, such as we developed for greenhouse gas emissions, could harness the efficiency of a market to accomplish the same goals without the need for an elaborate and inefficient enforcement system.

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